TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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KENNEDY HALF-DOLLARS TO BE RELEASED ON MARCH 24

The Bureau of the Mint has arranged with the Federal Reserve Banks to start distribution of the John F. Kennedy half-dollars to the commercial banking system on March 24. This means that the coins will be available in most city banks on that day and most country banks a day or so following.

Requests for individual specimens of the Kennedy half-dollar should be made through local banks. Neither the Mint nor the Federal Reserve Banks and Branches can supply them directly to the public.

The initial release will be 26,000,000 pieces. Before the year is over, another 64 million pieces will be issued. As a coin of regular issue, the Kennedy half-dollar will be in effect for a twenty-five year period.

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